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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Brief of Activities - Office of Security

1. Colonel Stanley Grogan requested advice of this Office concerning an article on the Central Intelligence Agency which had been submitted to the Agency for clearance to publish in the Encyclopedia Yearbook, The Story of Our Time. Much of the article was such that if deletions were recommended they would tend to confirm sensitive activities of the Agency. As an alternative to the publication of the article it was recommended that Colonel Grogan furnish the publisher with one of the articles concerning CIA which the Director has approved for public release.

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2. Three Security Officers attended a technical demonstration given by the Physical Security Division, Department of State, of various counter-measure inspection devices, covering the field completely from ordinary microphones to electronic equipment. The demonstration was considered to be very good. Arrangements have been made to follow through with analyses of some of the equipment and to keep abreast of further developments with a view to possible uses by us. A close coordination has been established with State Physical Security for the exchange of information on this matter.

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3. The Office of Security arranged for a demonstration to Security Officers of TSS and Commo of a new ultrasonic device developed by ADF for protection against physical penetration of sensitive or restricted areas.

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5. At the request of Planning and Coordination, DCI, a representative of this Office reviewed a Progress Report which had been prepared and disseminated by the Human Relations Area Group at New Haven, Connecticut, who are under contract to the Army. The report, which was unclassified, except for "Official Use Only", disclosed that by NSC Directive psychological warfare operations in peacetime and cold war times were to be the concern of the Department of State, the USIA and the CIA. Meetings were held with representatives of FI, DD/P and members of Project Monitors for the Army contract. It

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then developed that the report had not been coordinated with nor approved by the Army Project Monitors and it was agreed that the Army Monitors would insist upon the Progress Report being recalled.

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6. An inquiry by this Office into the procurement from Pan American Airlines of airplane reservations for foreign travel disclosed certain security cover problems. Specifically, their retention in non-secure areas of classified or sensitive material such as identity of Agency personnel going overseas and data from which conclusions could be drawn as to our employee strength at certain points overseas and specific points of Agency interest. The results of our inquiry have been forwarded to the [redacted] DD/P with suggestions for remedial action.

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7. Appropriate measures were taken on the nights of 12, 17, and 18 August to ensure prompt action by the Emergency Security Patrol in the event flood or other weather conditions caused by the hurricanes which traversed the vicinity should give evidence of endangering Agency property. Periodic flood weather reports were received during the nights and hourly inspections were made of the Potomac River water level. Selected members of the Security Patrol were placed on home standby during the period. Further alerts will be maintained over the coming weekend and appropriate action taken if the forecasts for high water materialize during that period.

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Director of Security

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